



April 2021 Newsletter and minutes from the meeting held 07April2021

Board/Business Meeting was conducted between 6:00 to 6:40 PM prior to the General Meeting.

Attendance:

Name	Position	Present/Not-Present
Durbin Seidel	President	Present
Charles Greeb	Vice President	Not-Present
Jim Foerster	Treasurer	Present
Angus Day	Secretary	Present
Michael Keenam-Harte	Safety Officer	Present
Gerald Craig	Past President	Not-Present

A quorum was present and business conducted.

Pre-meeting word from President Durbin Seidel.

Fellow Modeleers,

Greetings from afar- well, it feels that way since few of us see each other and we have had no in-person meetings for the last year! Here are some pictures to remind you of what an old-fashioned club meeting looks like.



Hobbytown basement meeting March 2019



Charley and Fred with show-and-tell airplanes

I have been at our field very little in recent weeks and months but the flying season is nearly upon us! The FAA hasn't shut down model airplanes and we'll talk a bit about that at the meeting. Our field is still in place though we need to do a bit of maintenance soon. I'm sure you'll want to attend this meeting so that you can volunteer to help!

Your aircraft should be looked over before the 2021 flying season really gets under way. We will review a bit in the safety segment of our meeting.

I hope to hold our May meeting at the field with whatever social distancing is deemed appropriate by then. Another couple of months and we will have a better idea of whether to attempt any events this year.

Please join me and the other officers for the general meeting this coming Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

Officers/board meeting at 6:00 PM.

Feel free to call me if you have questions about Zoom meetings.

Happy landings,

Durbin Seidel President - Modeleers

General Meeting – Durbin called to order at 6:40 PM

Attendance:

Name	Position
Durbin Seidel	President
Jim Foerster	Treasurer
Angus Day	Secretary
Michael Keenam-Harte	Safety
Dave Sampson	Member
Don Shafer	Member
David Mielke	Member
John LaSalle	Member

Quorum of 4 officers was achieved.

- 1) January meeting minutes – Durbin S. moved to approve
Michael KH seconded
All voted to approve.
- 2) Treasurer's Report – Checking \$5,125.43
Savings \$10,668.29
Angus D. moved to approve
Durbin S. seconded
All voted to approve.
- 3) Ongoing/Old Business – Pilot stations
New netting needed: Durbin to get, Michael KH volunteered to help replace. Fabric maintenance, crack sealing and resetting landscape staples planned for 05JUN21 along with the first post vaccination club meeting(in-person).
- 4) No new business.
- 5) Safety Officer's Presentation – All club members are advised to do a thorough pre-season pre-flight examination of their craft and support equipment. In broad strokes this includes: Battery health (craft and transmitter); recharging stations and protections; fuel if you fly gassers, make sure it's fresh; craft mechanicals (servo connections, hinges, landing gear stable, all fasteners, motor mounts, etc); check transmitter-receiver settings

for drift and firmware updates. Special note: Michael KH secures his servo connections using dental floss. It keeps his electrical signals getting through and prevents tooth decay. Additional note from David Mielke to keep track of the electrical health of our flying batteries using cell resistance increase as a measure of battery life decreasing. Rule of thumb: Get a starting resistance level. When that level has doubled the battery is approaching end of service life.

Durbin S. closed the meeting at 7:25 PM

Greetings Modeleers,

Glad a few of you attended the April club meeting via Zoom. Those who were NOT there to defend themselves have been assigned field maintenance tasks for the month of May. Okay, not really but we do need help to do some work in late spring / early summer.

We had a club issue come up just days after the meeting that you all need to know about. Our landlord, Mr. Travis Horton contacted us about a complaint regarding our flying site. I believe this can be worked out but here is the story. A neighbor who lives more than a mile south of our field has filed a land use complaint with Larimer County saying that we do not have a zoning variance to allow our runway and shelter improvements. The complaint doesn't seem to have anything to do with flying, safety or noise as they likely cannot even see or hear airplanes flying from their property. The same neighbor has filed other unrelated complaints against the Horton's business as well.

Our board members along with Dave Dust met on April 13 to discuss the situation. Mr. Horton is supportive of our club and field and will help us through the process to resolve this with the County. We have a video meeting with a Larimer County Planner on April 29 to learn what we need to do to resolve the complaint. (Jerry Craig, Dave Dust and I plan to attend to represent the club.) I feel very confident that we WILL resolve this issue and be able to continue using our site for a long time. The board and I will communicate with you after that meeting by email and/or a club meeting the first week of May.

There are no flying restrictions related to the complaint so enjoy the field as we are getting into the warm season.

Meanwhile, contact me with any questions or concerns.

Safe flying,

Durbin

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Respectfully Submitted,
Angus H. Day
RMM-Secretary for 2021



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Membership is open to all RC model aircraft enthusiasts who are members of the [Academy of Model Aeronautics \(AMA\)](#).

Activities of the club include all phases of RC modeling: instruction, sport flying, club events, and more. A monthly newsletter and yearly membership card is sent to each member. Instruction is offered to new members free of charge. Current AMA membership is required to fly at either club field. Non-club members who are AMA members may fly free two days as a guest of the club.

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